

Media release

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Reduced Airservices Australia charges start tomorrow

Australian airspace users will benefit from new reduced Airservices Australia charges from today.

Airservices Australia's en route service charge unit rate will be reduced by four per cent from \$4.03 to \$3.87 on July 1 as the organisation seeks to minimise operational costs for the airline industry and light aircraft operators.

The reduced charge follows a price freeze in 2015 and the consolidation of an efficiency program at Airservices for the non-operational divisions of the organisation.

Airservices Chief Executive Officer Jason Harfield said "This is the first time Airservices has cut its charges for the aviation sector. Aircraft operators will see the new, lower prices reflected in their invoices from today."

"Our price cut will result in multi-million dollar savings for the aviation sector that will allow the industry to continue to grow in Australia. While the price cut will reduce our revenue, Airservices will continue to invest in the latest technology and equipment to ensure Australian airspace users continue to receive the safest and best air navigation services possible."

The historic price cut follows an efficiency program at Airservices that delivered savings of more than \$170 million. Frontline air traffic control and aviation rescue and fire-fighting services were exempt from the efficiency program.

Without the price freeze and changes introduced under the efficiency program, the aviation industry was facing price increases of 15 per cent from 2016, costing the sector an extra \$380 million over the period to 2020.

About Airservices

Airservices is Australia's air navigation service provider. It provides safe, secure, efficient and environmentally-responsible air traffic control, air navigation and aviation rescue fire-fighting services.

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